

Washington, DC – U.S. Congresswoman Gwen Moore (D-Milwaukee) made the following statement on the Republican spending bill introduced late last Friday night:

“Republicans made a promise to the American people – that turning our economy around and creating jobs is their top priority. This does absolutely nothing to accomplish that goal – in fact, it moves us backwards.

“We have to get our debt under control – that’s absolutely critical to our nation’s future. But you know what else is absolutely critical to America’s future success? Scientists trying to find a cure for cancer. Grants that help middle-class families afford college for their kids. Fixing our nation’s crumbling infrastructure. Helping low-income children succeed in school. We won’t move forward by slashing more than \$2.5 billion from the National Institutes of Health. We won’t move forward by slashing \$800 per student for Pell Grants. We won’t move forward by slashing transportation funding and cutting 25,000 construction jobs. We won’t move forward by forcing 200,000 kids out of Head Start.

“Capricious cuts – all in the name of debt reduction – are irresponsible. Spending cuts alone cannot fix our debt problem. The only thing that will get us out of this mess is shared sacrifice.”